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Dublin, November 7.

Yesterday came on the Election of Members of Parliament for this City. The Sheriffs perceiving the Electors were going into a Riot, sent to the Guard for a File of Musketeers to prevent it, and a Tumult arose, in which there was a Man killed and some of the Soldiers were wounded. His Grace the Lord Lieutenant has appointed a Committee of Council to enquire into this Disorder, and has directed the Sheriffs to take more effectual Care for the future. The Poll is adjourned till Monday.

A true Account of the Riot committed at the Tholsel on Friday the 6th of November, 1713.

THE Sheriffs of the City of Dublin on granting a Poll last Tuesday, published a Paper wherein they proposed, that to avoid Tumults and to save the Attendance and Time of the Electors, they intended to begin with the Eldest Corporation, and so on in their Order.

That every Day after Twelve a Clock, they would take the Votes of such Freeholders as should present themselves on either Side.

Pursuant to the Method proposed by the Sheriffs, the Recorder, and Alderman Burton, acquainted their Friends that none of them but such as were of the Guild of Merchants, the Corporation of Taylors and Freeholders should attend this Day.

But Sir Wm Fownes and Mr. Tucker, in order to the Disturbance of the Freedom of the Election, determined to come on Horseback to the Place of Election, with Trumpets, Hautboys and other Musick before them, attended with great Numbers; and to that End invited and summoned all sorts of People to attend and follow them with Huzzas; and armed with Swords, Clubs, and other Weapons, through the Street to the Tholsel.

The Sheriffs being informed of the Intentions of Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, to go in that Manner, and being apprehensive that it might create great Mischief: (Which Apprehension of theirs by the unfortunate Accident that has happened this Day, appears to be too well grounded) desired Sir William Fownes on Thursday Night to come to the Poll without raising any Alarm or Tumult in the Town; as must necessarily be occasioned by coming in such a Manner, which could have no other End in it, but to insult the Citizens, and disturb or over-awe the Election. But Sir William Fownes absolutely refused to comply with the Sheriffs Request, but said, he would do as Friends had advised him. Whereupon the Sheriffs told Sir William that he and Mr. Tucker must be Answerable for any Disorder or Mischief that should happen thereby. This Morning according to the appointment of the Sheriffs the Recorder and Mr. Burton with a few Friends only went to the Tholsel, where the Sheriffs waited some time for the other Candidates. Soon after, Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker came to the Tholsel on Horseback, with Trumpets, Hautboys, and other Musick playing before them, and attended with a vast Crowd of People, Shouting and Huzzing, most of which were of the lowest Rank of the People, and of the Popish Religion, and such as had no pretence to a Vote in the Election. As soon as the Sheriffs began to take the Votes, and had received but Seven Votes, all which Voted for the Recorder and Mr. Burton, most of the People who came with Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, cried aloud, down with the Stage, no Poll, no Poll; and instantly in a most Riotous and Violent Manner Assaulted several of the Free Brethren of the Guild, and Freeholders of the City, who came there in a quiet and peaceable Manner, without Swords or Sticks, with an Intention to give their Votes for the Recorder and Mr. Burton; most of the People attending Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker being Armed with Swords, Cutlasses, or great Clubs; and some of them had Swords, who were never known to wear them at other times.

It appears by several Informations given upon Oath, at one Time, a Gunsmith, being one of those that came with Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, cry'd out, Pull down the Stage, pull down the Stage; and then follow me to pull down the Recorder's House. That the said Rioters being encouraged thereto by se-

veral Persons there present of Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker's Party, with the utmost Violence tore down the Stage, and cut and wounded several who opposed them, notwithstanding the Sheriffs commanded them to keep the Peace.

Thereupon the Sheriffs finding they were unable to oppose the Rioters, and that the Violence increased; commanded the Posse, or Power of the Citizens, to support them in the Execution of Her Majesty's Writ. The Sheriffs spoke particularly to some Persons who came with Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, to assist them in suppressing the Riot, which they refused to do, but on the contrary encouraged and promoted it; and the Tumult and Violence rising to such a Height, the Sheriffs and those about them were in the utmost Hazard, and unable to preserve themselves from the Rage and Fury of so great a Number of desperate People prepar'd for the last Mischief, some of the Citizens cried out, pray send for the Guards; and the Sheriffs still continuing in Court, stood up, and in Her Majesty's Name again commanded the Peace, and particularly desired Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker to endeavour to prevail with their People to desist from their Violence, but all to no Purpose. The Guards soon after coming up, with Intention to preserve the Peace, were assaulted by the Multitude that came with Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, who first began the Fray with the Guards, and wounded several of them, and made them retire: So that some of them were necessitated, in their own Defence, to fire; but did not do it by Command of their Officers, or any other Person; nor were either of the Sheriffs, or Candidates, near or even within the Hearing, or Sight, of the Guards, at the time when the Fray began between the Soldiers and the People, or at the time the Soldiers fired; nor did they, or the Sheriffs, give any Direction to them at all; but on the Contrary, when the Guards were called for, the Recorder desired there might be no Guards, which many Gentlemen of Honour and Credit have deposed.

Upon this whole Matter, 'tis plain all Mischief had been prevented had Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker been prevail'd on to take those quiet and peaceable Methods which the Sheriffs desired and intreated them to follow, which the other Candidates did: Or if they had used their Endeavours to stop the Violence of the People who resisted the Execution of the Queen's Writ, pulled down the Scaffold, and fell upon the Guards, who in their own Defence were forced to fire, after they were thrice repulsed by the Fury of these People, most of whom had no Right to vote.

The Poll in London is taken in the Hustings where the Sheriffs Courts are kept, as in the Tholsel with us; most of the Elections in the Kingdom in the Country Courts; and the great Reason the Bluecoat Hospital is now endeavour'd for the Place of Polling, is, that the numerous Papists and rude Number of People who have no Votes may line the Streets through that end of the Town and insult the Recorder and Mr. Burton and the peaceable Citizens going to, or coming from that Place; for which Reason the Sheriffs most prudently fixed the Poll in the Tholsel.

The several Facts set forth in this Paper appears by the Oaths and Examinations of several Persons of Honour, Quality and Fortune taken before the Justices of the Peace of this City, in order to have the Rioters prosecuted for the Innocent Blood that was spilled.

An Answer to the Tholsel Account: Or, a more true Account of the Friday's Proceedings in Relation to the Poll.

I shall not endeavour to spin out a long and tedious Discourse, of the Manners and Transactions before last Friday, being the Day of Polling, nor shall I prolong the time by remonstrating the many Inconveniencies laid down to the Sheriffs, by pretending to take the Poll in the Tholsel, which indeed were too many and too convincing, not to be complied with by indifferent and reasonable Men. But shall now endeavour to set forth the Matter of fact as it happened there, and which every Man then present may in some measure be a Judge of, viz.

Sir William Fownes and Martin Tucker, Esq; according to the Custom of all or most Candidates came

came to the Tholfe, accompanied by a great Number of Gentlemen and Loyal Citizens, their Friends, in order to proceed upon the Poll, with only Haurboys before them, which I think has been a Common usage in like Cases throughout South Britain, and particularly at Westminster, the greatest Election in that Kingdom: If therefore this can be deemed a Disturbance of the Freedom of Election, or Huzzing termed a Riot, I submit to all or any whoever saw an Election so populous as this, to determine. They no sooner came to the place of Polling, but the Barr was utterly taken up, the Passages cramm'd with Sworded Gentlemen; and they found it very difficult to force their way to the Seats assign'd Them, not being able for almost a Quarter of an Hour to get to the same, nor did the Sheriffs move in the least to assist them. Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, did what in them lay to prevent the Noise, by calling out to the People to forbear Huzzing; but the People finding the Barr taken up, and that they could not get up thither to Poll, still continu'd Huzzing, and made an attempt to pull down the Stage.

The Citizens of Dublin, as well, certainly, as all others on this occasion, have undoubted Right to Poll, and certainly to be dispatched from that Poll as soon as in their power lies so to be, by pushing forwards to come to the Barr, to give their Names; nor can it be affirmed by any, that ever there was an Election at Westminster, but what there were double the number of Voters present, and also double the Disturbance in Quarrels among Opposite Parties of the Electors: I only mention this to shew, that tho' they have a Garrison (the Savoy) near them, and notwithstanding the many Brangles among the People, there never was yet any Instance, nor can History mention, that a Military Power was ever brought in upon their Civil People, legally Assembled, upon any pretence whatever.

The Sheriffs of Dublin finding the Huzza continued, (and a Report being made, that they were going to pull down the Stage) immediately sent for the Guard, who came prepared with Powder and Ball, to commit, perhaps, the most barbarous transaction that ever was known in a Civil Nation, and so Fire in upon the Body of a City, pent up in their own Tholfe. The Consequences of which (as that scurrilous Author Remarks) has been too fatal; and all this without any Cause or Reason for it: There was no Riot committed, There was no Blood-Shed among the People themselves, nor any other Damage done, than threatening to pull down the Stage, or crying out, To the Hospital Green, to the Green, the usual place of Polling.

No sooner had this Guard appeared firing into the Tholfe, as furiously as if it were an Enemies Garrison on one side, but certain Gentlemen behind the Candidates Seats, drew their Swords, threatening Destruction on the other, using such Language to Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, as certainly in such a Place, on such an Occasion, and at such a Time, could not be expected from Men of their Figure.

How these Soldiers came prepared in that manner, how they fired contrary to the direct Orders given to their commanding Officer, I am not to determine, but sure it is, that their Orders were, premissorily, not to fire a Shot on pain of Death; or how the Sheriffs came to send for them, upon such frivolous Occasions, upon which that dismal Consequence ensued, I leave to those in Authority over us to determine, and those Gentlemen present, to guess at.

From all this, it is very evident, that Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker neither were, nor was it possible they could, be instrumental in that fatal Business; but on the contrary, have acted in the same Method with other Candidates, nor can that scurrilous Author, nor his more scurrilous Paper, cramm'd with all the Lies that Malice or Faction can invent, in order to delude the honest and well-meaning Citizens; as also, if it lay in his Power, to blacken the Reputation of Sir William Fownes and Mr. Tucker, (two Gentlemen above the Reach

of his Gall) have any other Effect, than be looked upon as an Encouragement to Sedition, and laying innocent Blood at the Door of those who would rather have their own Blood shed, than cry out, Kill Fifty more of them; as may be made appear too soon, perhaps, for those who should rather Preserve than Destroy her Majesty's good Subjects, as well as their Fellow-Citizens. Nor need he brag of all the Seven that Polled that Day being for the Recorder and Mr. Burton, if he does but consider, they are of the Seventeen Aldermen; and no doubt but the other Ten will so far Side with their worthy Brethren, that they will do the same.

London, November 20.
Yesterday South-Sea-Stock was 93 to 93 three eights. Bank 123 five eights to 123 three quarters. India 124 one quarter to 124 and an half. African 46 and an half.

At the Desire of several Ladies of Quality.
By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

At the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane,
this present Friday, being the 20th of November, will be presented, a Comedy call'd, The Beggar's Opera. To which will be added a farce call'd, The Country Wake.

The Annual Feast of the Sons of the Clergy, will be held at Merchant-Taylor's-Hall in Throstle-street, on Thursday the 10th of December next. Tickets may be had at Brown's Coffee-house in Mark-Street, Fleet-Street, Barfoot's Coffee-house against the Key Exchange, Mr. Henry Stocker's, Watchmaker, in Exchange-Alley, Child's Coffee-house in St. Paul's Church-yard, Oliver's Coffee-house at Westminster-Hall Gate, Squire's Coffee-house, Fulwood's, Repts, and at Anderson's Coffee-house, Fleet-Street. None, so words are provided for the Year ensuing.

Lost last Monday the 16th Instant, at John Mar-
rington's in Granchester-Kyngs, 2 or 3 books, being of very little Use being done with. If any one brings them to the said John Marrington, shall have 10s. Reward, and no Questions asked.

Lost on Tuesday the 10th Instant, between Ox-
ford-bridge and Fincham-Street, an Almanack for this Year, 1713, bound in Parchment, and tied with gold Red India Strings in which was several Receipts and other Papers, of no use to any body but the Owner. Whoever brings it to the Crown and Colliery Tavern in Ruffel-Street Corner-Garden, or to Mr. Polley, Attorney at Law in Prebost-Street, Goodman's-Fields, shall have 10s. Reward, and no Questions asked.

Lost on Wednesday Morning last, the 18th In-
stant, about 7 o'clock, in vicinity near St. James's Church, a white English Spaniel, with a Yellow Face and Band, a Cut Tail, and the Top of one of his Ears cut for the Cooker, with a Leather Collar about his Neck with a Brass Plate, and on it engraven Mr. Edward Taylor in Southampton-Street, Covent-Garden. Whoever brings him to the said Mr. Edward Taylor, or to the Writer of Mrs. White's Chocolate-house St. James's, shall receive 10s. Reward.

For SALE by the CANDLE,
DAVIES'S SALE, OF 100 Lots of ex-
cellent Original Paintings, Linings and Prints, at Tom's Coffee-house in Cornhill over-against the Royal-Exchange, this Day, the 20th Instant, and the following Days, to begin exactly at 5 o'clock; no Lot put up at less than one Guinea, the Advance on each Lot no less than 1s. The Goods are rated very low, and no unfair Practices will be used to advance the Price, as common at most sales. (they will be left wholly to the Generosity of the Buyers) The Goods are well fitted up; and in the Prints are the famous Original Battles of Marston, with several Prints of the Cabinet du Roy, Prints of Car-
ruba, Marat, Donigoy, Callor, Edink, Mallon, Picart, Vankermiden, Duff, Silverer, Cirus, Ferrus, &c. The Goods are ready for View. Catalogues to be had at the Place of Sale, at the Temple Coffee-house, at St. James's Coffee-house by St. James's, at Bird's Coffee-house in Palace-yard, Westminster.

Bibliotheca Chardiniana: Being the Remains of Sir
John Chardin's Library, consisting chiefly of Travels, History, and other Books in all Faculties, Greek, Latin, Arabic, English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese, most of them newly bound and gilt on the Back; will be sold by Auction on Monday the 21st Instant, at Tom's Coffee-house in St. Martin's-Lane. Catalogues are to be had at Mr. King's in Westminster-hall, Mr. Graves's in St. James's-Street, Mr. Clark's in the Old-Exchange, at James's Levi's Shop at the Golden Eagle near the Fountain Tavern in the Strand, and at the Place of Sale. The Books are to be seen all Day daily till the Sale begins.

To be Sold by AUCTION.
On Thursday next the 16th Instant, all the
Real Goods and Pictures of an eminent Merchant, deceased, at his late Dwelling-house in Wenling-Street next Door to the Ship over-against Alder-Mary Church-Poll, on near Queen-Street End. The Goods to be seen on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Sale; where Catalogues may be had. The Sale begins exactly at 1 o'clock. Now, The Words is to be Let.

A large Quantity of good Sea-Coals, lying in
Hungerford Market, to be Sold at 14s. per Chaldron delivered in, and encouragement for those that will take a Quantity.

This Day is published, the 2d Edition, of
Two Letters concerning the Author of the
Examiner. Sold by A. Baldwin, near the Oxford-Arms in War-
wick-Lane. Price Three Pence.

Just published, in a neat Pocket Volume with Cuts,
The 5th Edition of Mr. Anberson's Campaign,
and Refutation: Very proper to be bound up with Cato. Price
for Jacob Tonson at Shakespeare's Head, over against Catherine-Street
in the Strand.